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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Supplemental to the Amendment and Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirements, filed with the U.S. Patent Office on January 22, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 80-82, as follows:

80. (New) A method for repairing a cardiac valve having valve leaflets, each leaflet comprising a proximal side and a distal side, said method comprising:
penetrating a first leaflet from the proximal side to the distal side with a penetrating device;
deploying at least a portion of a first anchor having a first attached suture on the distal side of the first leaflet;

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